

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT
LOK SABHA**

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VIOLATION OF GUIDELINES BY UGC
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Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

- (a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news regarding violation of its own guidelines by UGC appearing in Rashtriya Sahara, New Delhi dated 10th May, 2002;
- (b) if so, the facts of matter reported therein;
- (c) the reasons for providing relaxations from certain requirements to Shri Satya Sai Institute of Higher Learning situated at Andhra Pradesh; and
- (d) the steps proposed to be taken by the Government to ensure the strict compliance of the guidelines issued by UGC itself?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (PROF. RITA VERMA)

(a) & (b): News items regarding violation of guidelines by UGC has been brought to the notice of this Ministry. UGC has informed that a request was received from Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Prasanthinilayam, Anantpur, Andhra Pradesh, (a Deemed University) stating that

- (i) CAG audit should not apply to this institution, as it is not covered under clause 3 of the CAG grant provisions;
- (ii) the Vice Chancellor may not necessarily be a salaried person; and
- (iii) the common entrance test may not be applicable to Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning. UGC considered the matter in the meeting of the Commission held on 21st March, 2002 and resolved as under:

i) that Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning (Deemed University) be exempted from CAG audit of their accounts;

ii) that their accounts be audited by the Chartered Accountant and this be applicable till such time that the Institution does not receive any grant from the Government;

iii) that the Institution shall maintain their accounts and submit them in the format as prescribed by the Ministry of Finance, Govt. of India.

iv) that the Vice-Chancellor be a salaried person, receiving at least Re.1/- as his/her token salary;

v) that the Commission agreed in principle to grant an exemption to this Institute from the proposed common entrance test. The request of the Institution to be exempted from the common entrance test though has merit and justification and deserves to be exempted, a formal decision in this regard be taken at a time when common entrance test is proposed to be conducted for a particular discipline for their Institution; and

vi) that as such the existing MOA/Rules may more or less be taken in order.

(c) & (d) A request for relaxation of certain provisions in the UGC guidelines for Deemed Universities was made by the Vice-Chancellor, Sri Sathya Sai Institute of Higher Learning, Andhra Pradesh. The matter was considered in the meeting of the Commission on merit and keeping in view the distinct features of this institution, a decision was taken to relax the provisions subject to certain conditions.

UGC has informed that its guidelines are followed except in special circumstances where relaxation is granted by the Commission on merit.

